

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 22, 24, 25 and 27 are amended for clarity and consistency, and claim 22 is amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied reference. The amendments to claim 22 are supported in the specification by at least paragraphs [0074]-[0078], and Figs. 1 and 2. Claims 1-21 have been withdrawn by the Examiner.

Claim 22 is objected to because of informalities. By this Amendment, claim 22 is amended for clarity and consistency. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Cox (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0048968); and claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Cox. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Cox fails to disclose a method of manufacturing a light-receiving element involving the step of forming a columnar-shaped base member, as recited in independent claim 22. Cox's base member 22 does not have a columnar shape because it consists of a droplet on the surface of substrate 14. See Cox at Figs. 5-9 and at paragraph [0030].

For the foregoing reasons, Cox fails to disclose all of the features recited in independent claim 22. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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